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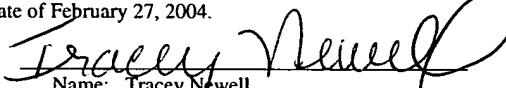# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
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      USES AS IONIC CONDUCTING MATERIALS   :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above referenced application to read as follows:

Paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3:

This application claims the priority of and is a continuation of U.S. Application 09/858,439 filed May 16, 2001 (pending) which is a continuation of 09/125,797, filed December 3, 1998, (now U.S. Patent No.: 6,319,428, issued November 20, 2001), which is based on PCT Patent Application No. PCT/CA97/01013, filed December 30, 1997, which claims priority to Canadian Patent Application Nos. 2,194,127, filed December 30, 1996, and 2,199,231, filed March 5, 1997.

On page 1, above line 4, please add:

--<u>BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION</u>--

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 1, line 4 with

--The present invention relates to ionic compounds in which the anionic charge is delocalized, and their uses.--

<u>Field of the Invention</u>--

On page 1, above line 6, please add:

--<u>Description of the Background</u>--

On page 1, above line 28, please add:

--<u>SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION</u>—

Page 2, above line 14, please add:

--<u>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS</u>—

Figure 1 illustrates a cycling curve using a compound of Example 77 of the present specification.

Figure 2 is a cycling curve from Example 78 of the present specification.--